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It is requested that the enclosed reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO/SB/08A or B be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

The enclosed references were cited in a communication (copy enclosed) dated September 3, 2001 from the European Patent Office concerning counterpart Japanese Application No. PCT/JP01/01889.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

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